

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A Part for supporting and fixing an electrical or electronic component (7), which part comprises a compartment (1) for supporting the electrical or electronic component (7), two claws (3A, 3B) which are each in engagement and in electrical continuity with a pin (9a, 9B) on the electrical or electronic component (7) disposed in the compartment (1) between the two claws (3A, 3B), and a detachable closing cover (11), characterised in that wherein a blade (5) is fixed to the closing cover (11) so as to sever an electric wire (13) which is in engagement and in electrical continuity with the two claws (3A, 3B) in such a way as to connect the electrical or electronic component (7) in series with the electric wire (13).

2. (Currently Amended) A Supporting and fixing part according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein it comprises a block (15) so as to serve as a support for the electric wire (13) during the severing operation by the blade (5).

3. (Currently Amended) A Supporting and fixing part according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein it comprises baffles (17A, 17B) to promote the disengagement of the two strands of the severed electric wire (13).

4. (Currently Amended) A Supporting and fixing part according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the detachable closing cover (11) is replaced by a closing cap that pivots in relation to the supporting compartment (1) about a hinge (11A).

5. (Currently Amended) A Supporting and fixing part according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the supporting compartment (1) is a body made of plastic material.

6. (Currently Amended) A Supporting and fixing part according to claim 4, characterised in that wherein the blade (5) possesses a leading angle (5A) such that the cutting edge (5B) extends in a direction (D) which intersects the direction (A) of the pivoting hinge (11A).